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# Wasatch Co. Building Survey

Name of Building: Byron George Pierce Blacksmith Shop

Information Required	Date Found
Location:	
Address: <u>50 00E</u> Town: <u>Heber Utah</u>	
Architect:	
Builders:	
Building Material:	
Style of Building:	
Date Built:	
Original Owners:	
FGS	
Pedigree	
Histories	
<u>Pictures of Byron &amp; his shop</u>	
Subsequent Owners:	
Notes:	
References: 1.	
2.	

Saturday, May 15, 1976

## Byron George Pierce

HEBER CITY — Byron George Pierce, 70, died May 13, 1976 in a Heber City Hospital following a long illness.

Born June 27, 1905 in Giles Wayne County to George Henry and Nancy Ellen Hunt Pierce. Married Margaret Blackley June 27, 1929 in Salt Lake City. Later solemnized Salt Lake Temple. She died December 29, 1972. Secretary of Heber Third Ward High Priests, Home Teacher, Blacksmith. Active in Senior Citizens.



Survivors: brother, sisters, Nathan E. Pierce, Tuscon, Arizona; Mrs. LaMar (Edna) Maxfield, Tooele; Mrs. Nila Kiesel, Mantle.

Funeral Monday 1:00 p.m. Heber Third Ward Chapel. Friends call Olpin Mortuary Sunday 7-9 p.m. and Monday prior to services. Burial Heber City Cemetery.

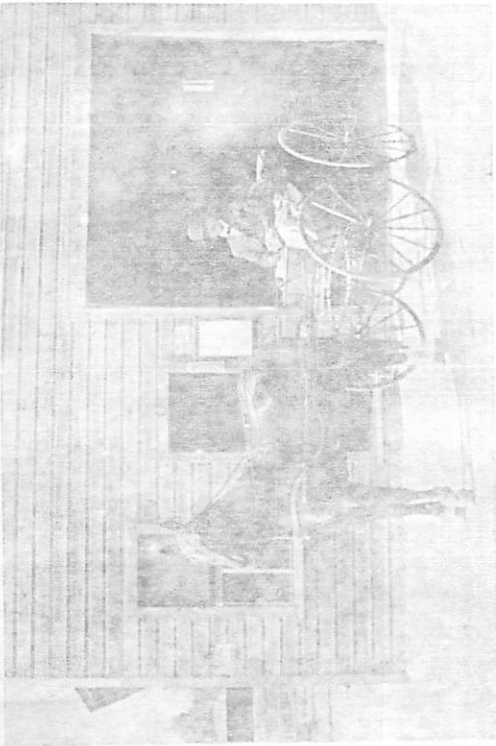


Byron Pierce worked as blacksmith all his life and had the advantage of actylene welding.



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The Wasatch Livery Stable about 1900. Shown here in front of the stable in his buggy is Frank Carlile.

son, Andrew Mair, Jr., John Forman, Robert Montgomery, Byron Pierce, LaMar Watkins, Frank Murdock, Carl G. Anderson and Tom Parry. One other member of the trade, blacksmith Andrew Anderson, presented a paradox in that his specialty was watch repairing. He fixed the intricate mechanisms right along with his blacksmith work, though he never did any horse shoeing.

The one event that could be singled out as having the most profound effect on Heber business took place in 1862 when an individual named Ben Holliday agreed with the U. S. government to carry mail by stage coach from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California. Salt Lake City became a hub in this operation, and branch lines were soon extended to towns and mining camps in southern Utah, Idaho, Nevada and Montana. It was necessary that the stage line change horses every ten or twelve miles, and so stations were set up to keep supplies of hay and grain on hand.

In 1863, John Witt of Heber was given a contract to supply oats to the stations as far east as Green River. With this contract, Mr. Witt was able to bring considerable amounts of money into the valley, and the old system of exchanging goods and bartering began to wane. With the money now coming into the community, business began to pick up and new firms were established.